

CITY OF CLARKSTON

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM NO: G4

HEARING TYPE:  
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:  
Resolution

MEETING DATE: September 3, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Revised Zoning and Development Fee Schedule

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐ YES ☒ NO

ATTACHMENT: ☒ YES ☐ NO  
Pages:

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PURPOSE:

To adopt a zoning and development-related fee schedule that more accurately reflects the costs to provide these services and more congruent with similar fees charged by surrounding jurisdictions.

NEED/ IMPACT:

The City's current fee schedule for zoning and development-related services is primarily based on the rates charged by the City's previous planning and engineering services consulting firm. These fees were derived from the firm's hourly rate multiplied by the number of hours they required to perform the requested service(s). The addition of internal staff and the decision to augment staff work in a more cost effective manner has provided the city an opportunity to adjust our fee structure accordingly. Additionally, staff determined that it would be prudent to compare a proposed new fee structure to similar fees charged by surrounding jurisdictions.

Staff worked in collaboration with its consultants to compile, compare and assess the fee categories and costs of the following jurisdictions:

- DeKalb County
- City of Decatur
- City of Avondale Estates
- City of Dunwoody
- City of Chamblee

Staff believes that the resulting proposed fee schedule will:

- More-accurately reflect the cost of the development services provided by the City
- Less confusing and easier to understand
- Remove obstacles to development and/or doing business in the City

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends adoption of the revised Zoning and Development Fee Schedule.